Penal Code and Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 alleging criminal conspiracy and cheating for obtaining pecuinary advantage in the matter of purchase of Govt. Securities and Public Sector Bonds. According to the FIR, on different occasions, cheques for amounts aggregating Rs. 394.23 crores were issued on a foreign bank instead of on a nationalised bank though the letter was approved by the Board of Directors for investment.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The Public Sector Undertakings under the Ministry of Power have been instructed to take all necessary precautions to avoid any misutilisation of surplus funds.

Criteria fixed for installation of flourscent bulbs/Tubes by MCD

4338. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the criteria fixed for selecting priority areas for installation of flourscent bulbs/tubes in areas under MCD and the average expenditure involved in each of such installations;

(b) whether Government are aware that some flourscent bulbs/tubes have been installed in the compound of private properties in the area of Civil Lines, Delhi;

(c) if so, details thereof and whether installation of such street lights is permissible;

(d) what is the authority for according approval to the Scheme; and

(e) whether any action is proposed to be taken against officers found guilty of violating the guidelines in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) DESU provides and maintains street lighting on behalf of the concerned road-owning agency viz. MCD, DDA, Delhi Administration etc. on payment of 100 per cent cost. The present cost of providing various types of street light fittings on existing poles is as under:

Type of fitting	Approximate Cost
(i) One set of 2X40 watt Flourescent Tubes	Rs. 900/-
(ii) 70 Watt HPSV Lamp	Rs. 3000/-
(iii) 150 Watt HPSV Lamp	Rs. 3200/-
(iv) 250 Watt HPSV Lamp	Rs. 3500/-

(b) to (d) MCD has provided four street lighting poles with High Pressure Sodium Vapour Lamps on a common passage of a private "Katra" at No 4, Club Road, Delhi under the approved policy of MCD for providing civic amenities in such areas inhabitated by five or more families. The work was executed by DESU on behalf of MCD with the approval of competent authority.

(e) Does not arise in view of the reply given to parts (b) to (d) of the question above.

ग्रामीण विद्युतीकरण निगम की विभिन्न परियोजनायें

4339. **डा० जितेन्द्र कुमार जैन :**
श्री वीरेन जे० शाह :

क्या विद्युत मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि ग्रामीण विद्युतीकरण निगम ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों के लिए विभिन्न परियोजनाओं का निर्माण करता है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या विगत वर्षों में योजना और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन विभाग ने इन परियोजनाओं के कार्यान्वयन का कोई मूल्यांकन किया है ;

(ग) यदि हां, तो वर्ष 1990-91 और 1991-92 के दौरान निगम द्वारा आरम्भ की गई परियोजनाओं की वर्ष-वार संख्या क्या है ;

(घ) उनमें से ऐसी कितनी परियोजनाएं हैं जिन्हें निर्धारित अवधि के भीतर पूरा कर लिया गया है ; और

(ङ) शेष परियोजनाओं को समय पर पूरा न किए जाने के क्या कारण हैं ?

विद्युत मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री कल्पनाथ राय) : (क) जी, नहीं। आर.ई.सी. ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों में विद्युतीकरण सम्बन्धी परियोजनाओं के निर्माण कार्यों को अपने हाथ में नहीं लेता है। यह केवल राज्य बिजली बोर्डों को वित्तय सहायता उपलब्ध कराता है जोकि परियोजनाओं के निर्माण सम्बन्धी कार्यों को अपने हाथों में लेते हैं।

(ख) से (ङ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Use of illegal electricity by jhuggi dwellers in Delhi

4340. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a act that most of the jhuggi dwellers in Delhi are getting power supply through illegal connections obtained with the connivance of the DESU officials as reported in the Hindustan Times of 7th August, 1992;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the heavy load on the lines resulting due to power theft, is causing repeated failure of the power system in Delhi;

(c) the number of illegal connections removed by DESU and NDMC during the past one year; and

(d) if the answer to parts (a) and (b) above be in the affirmative, what steps Government have taken to check the power theft, the failure of power system and against the DESU officials found involved in the power theft and other irregularities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (d) According to DESU, most of the Jhuggi Jhopri dwellers illegally draw electcity by direct tapping through the street lighting mains. This sometimes causes overloading on lines and disruptions in power supply in the neighbourring areas. During the years 1991-92, DESU had removed 44392 direct tappings in such clusters. NDMC has removed the unauthorised connections in five J.J. Clusters in its area. DESU has intensified its drive against theft of electricity which has been made a cognizable offence under the Indian Electicity Act, 1910. Action is also taken against the DESU officials involved in power thefts wherever any such specific case is brought to the notice to DESU and theft established.

Revision of power tariffs by SEBs

4341. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the accumulated losses of SEBs as at the end of 1991-92;